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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mimura et al.

Mimura et al discloses a video/audio recoding/reproducing apparatus that shows all the limitations recited in claims 4-6, including the feature of reproducing information recorded on a machine readable medium (See Mimura et al's Figure 1), the feature of demultiplexing at least some of the information stored in the buffering means and outputting at least one of a video stream, an audio stream, and a sub-picture stream (See Mimura et al's Figure 1, components 54, 56, 58, 60, 62), and the feature of clearing information remaining in the buffering means in response to receipt of the non-seamless-angle instruction as specified in the present claims 4-6. (See Mimura et al's column 47, lines 3-7).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bob Chevalier whose telephone number is 703-305-

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4780. The examiner can normally be reached on MM-F (9:00-6:30), second Monday

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Andrew Faile can be reached on 703-305-4380. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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